## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
Plaintiff,	) ) 8:22CR27	'8
vs.	)	
ANTHONY D. STEPHENS,	ORDER	
Defendant.	)	

This matter is before the court on the Unopposed Motion to Continue Trial [26]. Counsel needs additional time to conduct plea negotiations. For good cause shown,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Unopposed Motion to Continue Trial [26] is granted, as follows:

- 1. The jury trial now set for December 18, 2023, is continued to **February 12, 2024.**
- 2. In accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), the court finds that the ends of justice will be served by granting this continuance and outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. Any additional time arising as a result of the granting of this motion, that is, the time between **today's date and February 12**, **2024**, shall be deemed excludable time in any computation of time under the requirement of the Speedy Trial Act. Failure to grant a continuance would deny counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) & (B)(iv).

DATED: December 7, 2023.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Susan M. Bazis United States Magistrate Judge